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ROLL CALL

AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

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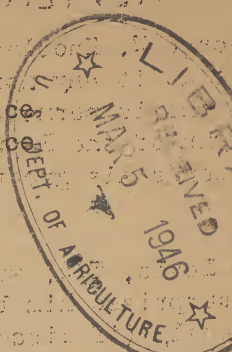
TEN REA'ERS HONORED BY WAR VETS

Ten REA employees who were leaving for Army, Navy and Marine service were guests of the REA War Veterans Association at a farewell ceremony in the second floor conference room Tuesday afternoon, February 29.

Each employee received the Administrator's letter from Deputy Administrator Neal and an honorary membership card from divisional representatives of the Association. Percy L. Sachs, head of the organization, presided. The meeting was attended by a capacity audience.

The employees, division, and service are:-

Name	Division	Service
William C. Wise	Associate Solicitor's Office	Army
W. Joseph Bray	Associate Solicitor's Office	Army
James M. McCutchen	Management	Marines
William H. Treadway	Co-operatives' Operations	Navy
Wilmer Orndoff	Finance	Navy
Ralph Chesley	Finance	Army
Ray Garcia	Finance	Navy
Fred Rinaca	Finance	Navy
Eugene Meyer	Technical Standards	Army
Zelda Krinowitz	Technical Standards	Air Wacs



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CHRYSTAL ALLEN
UPPED TO RANK
OF SERGEANT

Chrystal Allen, REA's lone representative in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, was recently promoted to Sergeant, one of three girls to get that rating by skipping the Corporal's stripes altogether. From a recent letter, we gather that she is happy about the whole thing.

"Food, living quarters and everything else here in Arlington, Va., seem to be the best of any outfit in the service. I honestly believe this is the happiest bunch of femininity anywhere. If most of us had our way, we'd work night and day to end the war quicker."

WHAT DO YOU DO IN THE N.O.L.?

(The Roll Call presents with pride the following bit of verse by Ensign N. M. Levinson, USNR, formerly of the Technical Standards Division. We wish we had room for all of it; here's what we consider the best part.)

What do we do? Why, we're the guys	And moves that arm from there to here.
Who designed those little blanking dies	And makes the gadget with the bend
Who made that little copper piece	Shove that rod out to the end.
That had the crooked concave crease	The little rod, the round one, which
To let it fit against the weld	Trips the fancy safety switch.
Of the little box that held	And lets the juice pass through the wire
The pin, suspended on a ring,	And spark, and cause the mine to fire.
That held that other funny thing	It sets off all that toluel
That caused the drive shaft stop to jam	And blows old Tojo's ships to hell.
And keep the end play from the cam.	You say you'll need lots more? Swell!!
The cam that turns the bevel gear	Just call us up, The N. O. L.

THREE DIVISIONS PARTICIPATE 100% IN RED CROSS DRIVE; REA'S TOTAL TO DATE OVER \$3200

A total of \$3202.75 is the result, as of March 20, in the Red Cross Drive in REA, according to Leslie G. Roenigk and Estelle G. Burke, co-chairmen of REA's campaign. Employees of three divisions (Finance, Tech Standards, and Personnel) have contributed 100%. Finance leads in the total contribution bracket with \$699 collected from its office and field personnel.

THE ROLL CALL IS YOUR PAPER. WRITE US WHAT YOU THINK OF IT. FOR ADDRESS, SEE PAGE 2

REA'ERS ROUND THE W

Sgt. George W. Knoblach is now on an island they don't do it any more." He sent us a song of Heaven who is permanently hors de combat. The song reads "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Mairzy Doats."

George sends his greetings to Joe Kubek and Tony Capriglione, his former cronies in REA.

Charles Lewis, T/5, writes from New Guinea, his new station. The natives' small children surprised him by speaking good English. "In the far interior", Charlie adds ominously (if disconnectedly) "there are some natives who are still cannibals and head-hunters."

A communication has arrived from Pvt. Zelda Krinowitz, AirWac (see p. 1) to the effect that she has been served beans only once and that the menu in Des Moines is par excellence. Zelda saw "Lady in the Dark" for 15¢ at the post theater. We'll probably have to wait till 1948 to see it for that price, C'est la guerre.

Says Staff Sgt. Bill Riley (somewhere in India) "We have swell mosquito netting over our beds. The problem is to keep 'em from slipping under the netting when YOU get under. It is a fine art and calls for no small amount of contortion."

Ensign K. J. Plucknett starts at M.I.T. on April 1. His Tech Standard buddy, Pfc Frank Priest, almost got transferred to Aberdeen but wound up instead at the Special Engineers Detachment, Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he lives in a barracks, complete with janitors and maid service. "The mud," he says, "is almost always ankle deep."

Hark to the unusual tale of Ensign Hy Brettman. Hy applied for a Navy commission a long time ago and waited for it. Before it came through, however, the Army tapped him on the shoulder. So he donned the khaki. Recently the Navy red tape unwound a bit, his commission came through, and they yanked him out of olive drab into navy blue where he is now.

GOING UP!

When you get an extra stripe for your sleeve, drop the Roll Call a line about your promotion and watch this column for your name. (Aside to REAers in St. Louis; let the Roll Call know if you hear of any former REAers, now in the service, who get a boost in rank.)

Pfc. John H. Hanson
Staff Sgt. Wm. P. Riley

Sgt. Chrystal L. Allen
Lieut. William D. Scoates
1st Lt. Murl Dervage

Lieut. Herman Harms, USNR
Lt. Merle W. Snedberg

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ET CETERA

The REA Women's Club, which takes care of the huge REA service flag in the Administrator's office, begs to report that said flag is now filled up with stars and, from now on, blue numerals will be used to designate the total number of stars. . . . Anybody knowing the whereabouts of Seaman Louis D. Knowles kindly drop us a line. Lou has evidently taken an ocean voyage and his mail came back. . . . It's A Small World Dep't: Irene d'Arche and Beryl Longnecker, REA Wacs in England, now live in the same hut. . . . USDA, Dept of Ag publication, devoted almost its entire front page recently to a story about "Sammy" Samuels and his division. Sammy's boys in uniform will be glad to hear about it. . . . Lt. George J. Finley (who was lost and found since our last issue) writes that he was glad to read about Joel Babb's experiences at the Teheran conference. Joel and George are Clemson College class-mates. . . . Chief Yeoman Sam Hoss sends a snapshot of himself. . . . Al O'Donnell sends in a copy of YANK Down Under, through which we looked hopefully for mention of him but no soap! Thanks, anyway, to both of you. . . . A few weeks ago in Africa, Colonel Westray Boyce spoke to Cpl. Charlotte Landry's group. The talk was scheduled for 7 am one Sunday morning but, Charlotte V-Mails, it was worth it. . . . S 2/c Nick Martinez post-cards that he's en route to Oakland and may end up in South America later. Nick's admirable command of Spanish should be very useful then. . . . A special bouquet to Buck Buchanan and his mimeograph and mail staff for the swell job they do on the Roll Call.